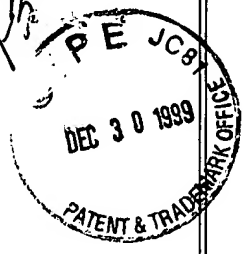


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In re Application of:

John E. EBY et al.

Serial No.: 09/287,631

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For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND
METHODS TO MAKE A SURFACE
COVERING HAVING A NATURAL
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 1999, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9-10, 21-22, and 27-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

In claim 23, line 1, please change "22" to --34--.

Please add the following new claims 33-38.

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-- 33. A method of making a surface covering having multiple layers and an embossed design, comprising:

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